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The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair and Presiding Officer
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Honolulu City Council
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Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Bill 62 (2013), Relating to Helmets

I am Major Calvin Tong of District 7 (East Honolulu) of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD has concerns regarding Bill 62 (2013) which would require the use of helmets by persons under the age of 16. Although juveniles can be cited for traffic code violations, the traffic code applies only to public and private streets and highways or thoroughfares that have been open to the general public for six months or more.

Bill 62 (2013) extends the helmet requirement to areas that the traffic code does not cover, such as malls, parks, and parking lots, for which violations would normally require criminal citations. However, unlike the District Court which handles traffic citations issued to juveniles, the Family Court system does not have a procedure to handle criminal citations issued to juveniles. As a result, juveniles under the age of 16 in violation of Bill 62 (2013) would have to be arrested instead of cited.

We recommend that this bill be held until these concerns can be addressed.

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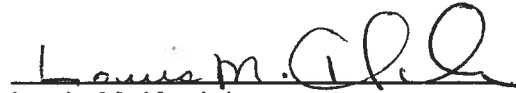
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Calvin Tong, Major
District 7

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